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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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9 DANNY L. HUGHES,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 WARREN W. GOEDERT, *et al.*,

13 Defendants.

Case No. 3:17-cv-00174-MMD-VPC

ORDER ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE
VALERIE P. COOKE

14 Before the Court is the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate
15 Judge Valerie P. Cooke (ECF No. 3) ("R&R") relating to Plaintiff's application to proceed
16 *in forma pauperis* ("IFP Application") (ECF No. 1) and *pro se* complaint (ECF No. 1-1).
17 The R&R recommends granting Plaintiff's IFP Application, dismissing count 1 with
18 prejudice and dismissing count II without prejudice and with leave to amend. Plaintiff had
19 until June 15, 2017 to file an objection. (ECF No. 3.) Plaintiff has not filed an objection.
20 On June 22, 2017, Plaintiff filed an amended complaint. (ECF No. 4.)

21 This Court "may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or
22 recommendations made by the magistrate judge." 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Where a party
23 timely objects to a magistrate judge's report and recommendation, then the court is
24 required to "make a *de novo* determination of those portions of the [report and
25 recommendation] to which objection is made." 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Where a party fails
26 to object, however, the court is not required to conduct "any review at all . . . of any issue
27 that is not the subject of an objection." *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985).
28 Indeed, the Ninth Circuit has recognized that a district court is not required to review a

1 magistrate judge's report and recommendation where no objections have been filed. See
2 *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114 (9th Cir. 2003) (disregarding the standard
3 of review employed by the district court when reviewing a report and recommendation to
4 which no objections were made); see also *Schmidt v. Johnstone*, 263 F. Supp. 2d 1219,
5 1226 (D. Ariz. 2003) (reading the Ninth Circuit's decision in *Reyna-Tapia* as adopting the
6 view that district courts are not required to review "any issue that is not the subject of an
7 objection."). Thus, if there is no objection to a magistrate judge's recommendation, then
8 the court may accept the recommendation without review. See, e.g., *Johnstone*, 263 F.
9 Supp. 2d at 1226 (accepting, without review, a magistrate judge's recommendation to
10 which no objection was filed).

11 Nevertheless, this Court finds it appropriate to engage in a *de novo* review to
12 determine whether to adopt Magistrate Judge Cooke's R&R. Upon reviewing the R&R
13 and the filings in this case, this Court finds good cause to accept and adopt the
14 Magistrate Judge's R&R in full.¹

15 It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Report and
16 Recommendation of Magistrate Judge Valerie P. Cooke (ECF No. 3) is accepted and
17 adopted in its entirety.

18 It is ordered that plaintiff's application to proceed *in form pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is
19 granted.

20 It is further ordered that the Clerk will file the complaint (ECF No. 1-1).

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22 ¹Without waiting for the Court to address the R&R, Plaintiff filed a proposed first
23 amended complaint. (ECF No. 4.) Even if the Court were to consider this document, the
24 proposed complaint is nevertheless deficient in that Plaintiff summarizes various exhibits
25 in what appears to be a state court action. Plaintiff appears to assert claims against
26 individuals involved in his state court action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. However,
27 section 1983 "is not itself a source of substantive rights,' but merely provides 'a method
28 for vindicating federal rights elsewhere conferred.'" *Albright v. Oliver*, 510 U.S. 266, 271
(1994) (quoting *Baker v. McCollan*, 443 U.S. 137, 144 n.3 (1979)). To state a claim
under § 1983, a plaintiff "must allege the violation of a right secured by the Constitution
and the laws of the United States, and must show that the alleged deprivation was
committed by a person acting under color of law." *West v. Atkins*, 487 U.S. 42, 48-49
(1988).

1 It is further ordered that the complaint is dismissed without prejudice, with leave to
2 amend, as to Count I.

3 It is further ordered that the complaint is dismissed with prejudice, as to Count II.

4 Plaintiff will have thirty (30) days to amend his second amended complaint to
5 address the deficiencies of the allegations in support of Count II. Failure to timely file an
6 amended complaint will result in dismissal of this action with prejudice.

7 DATED THIS 30th day of June 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Miranda M. Du', is written over a horizontal line.

MIRANDA M. DU
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE